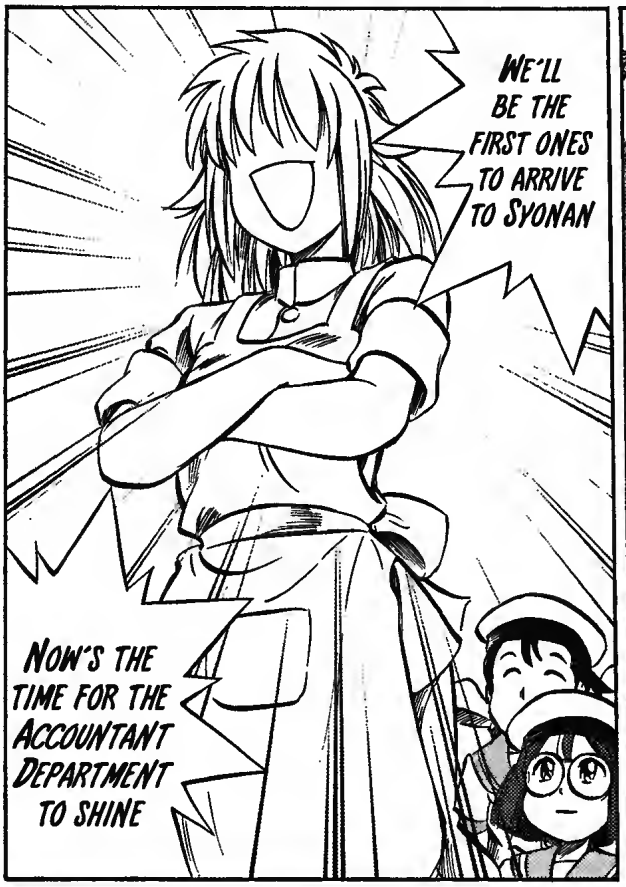
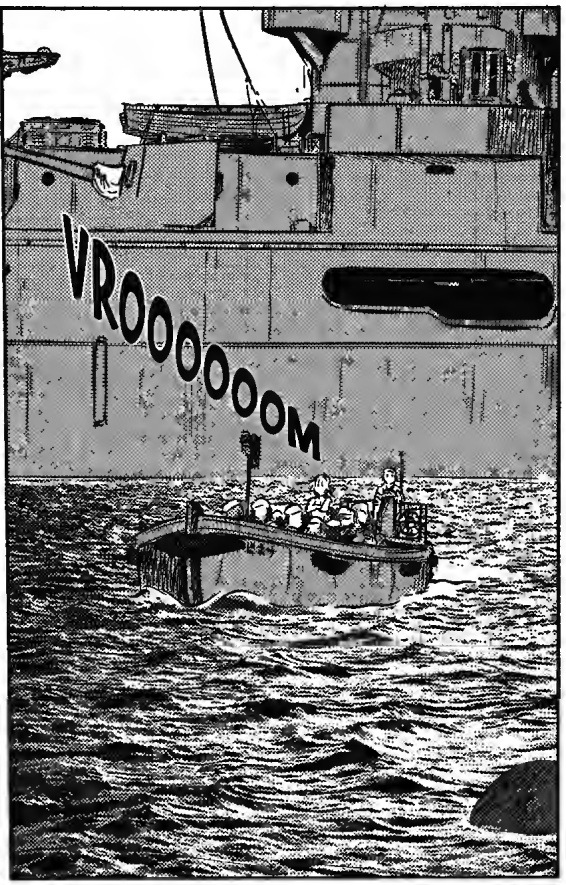
黒鉄ぷかぷか隊

Chapter 34:
Towards a new fight...! (part 2)

The *"Unebi"* made call in *Syonan* (*Singapore*) after a hurried change of course.

The disembarking *Chief Accountant Murakami* seems to be in high spirits for some reason, but...





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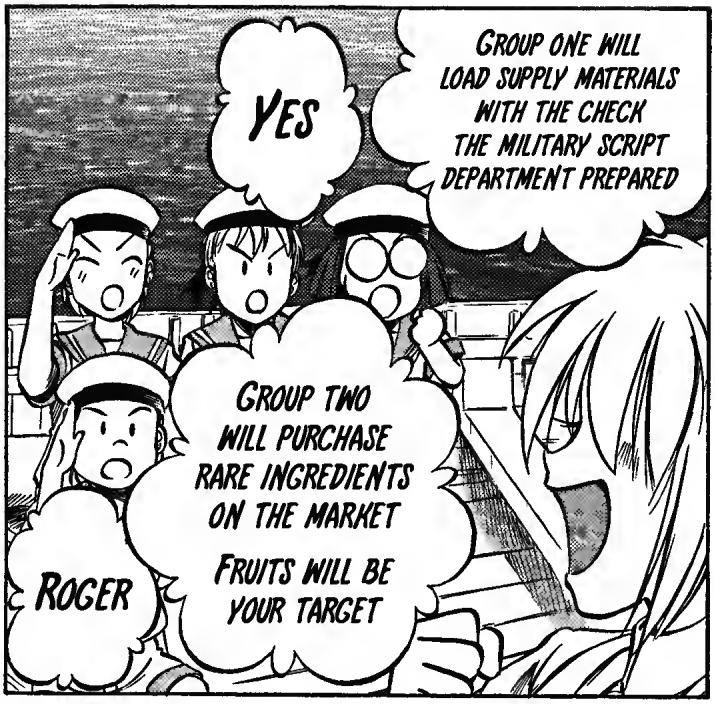
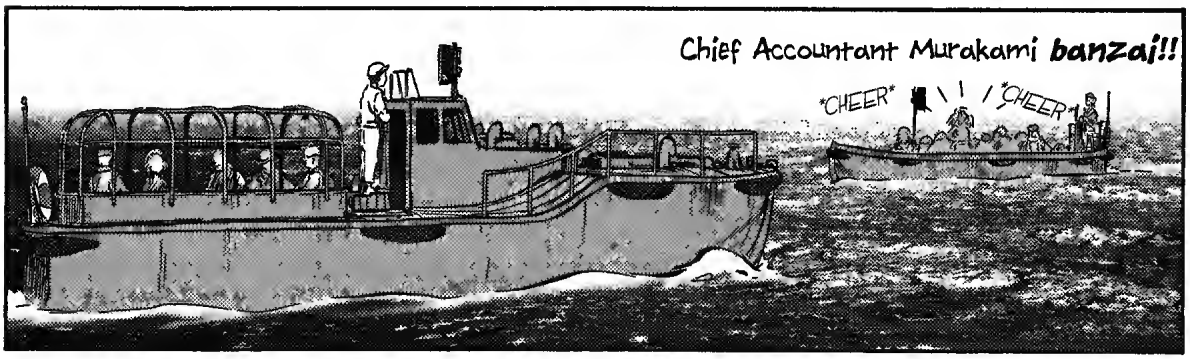
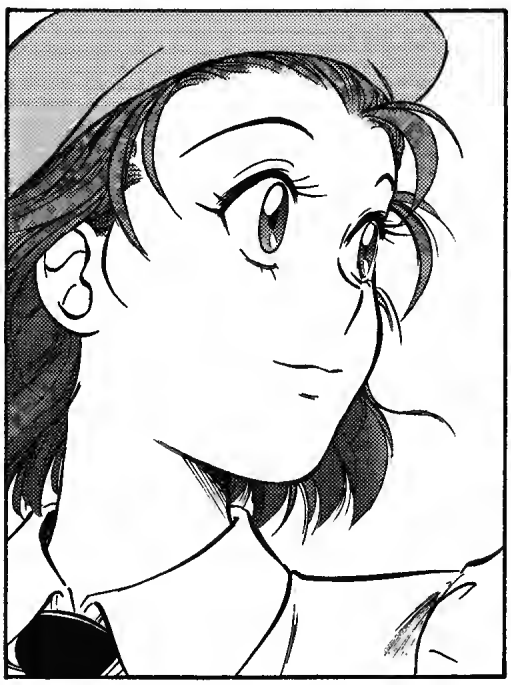
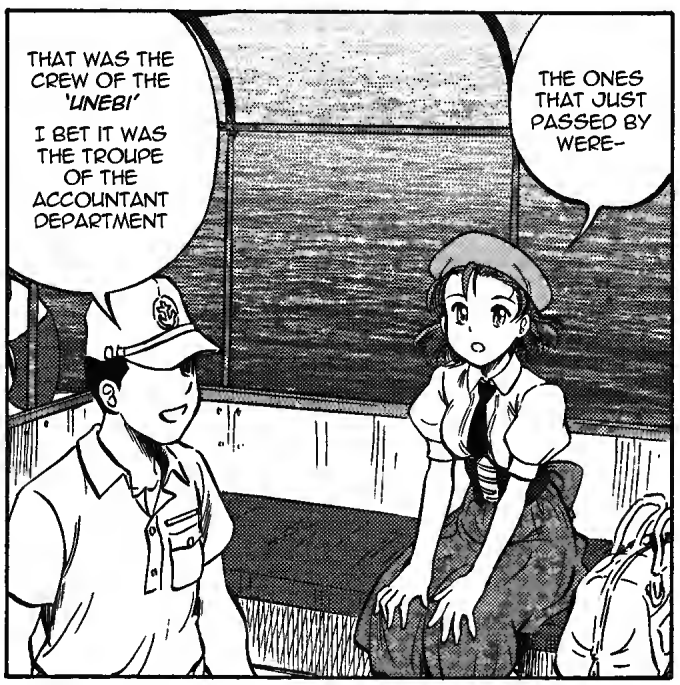
前回までのあらすじ

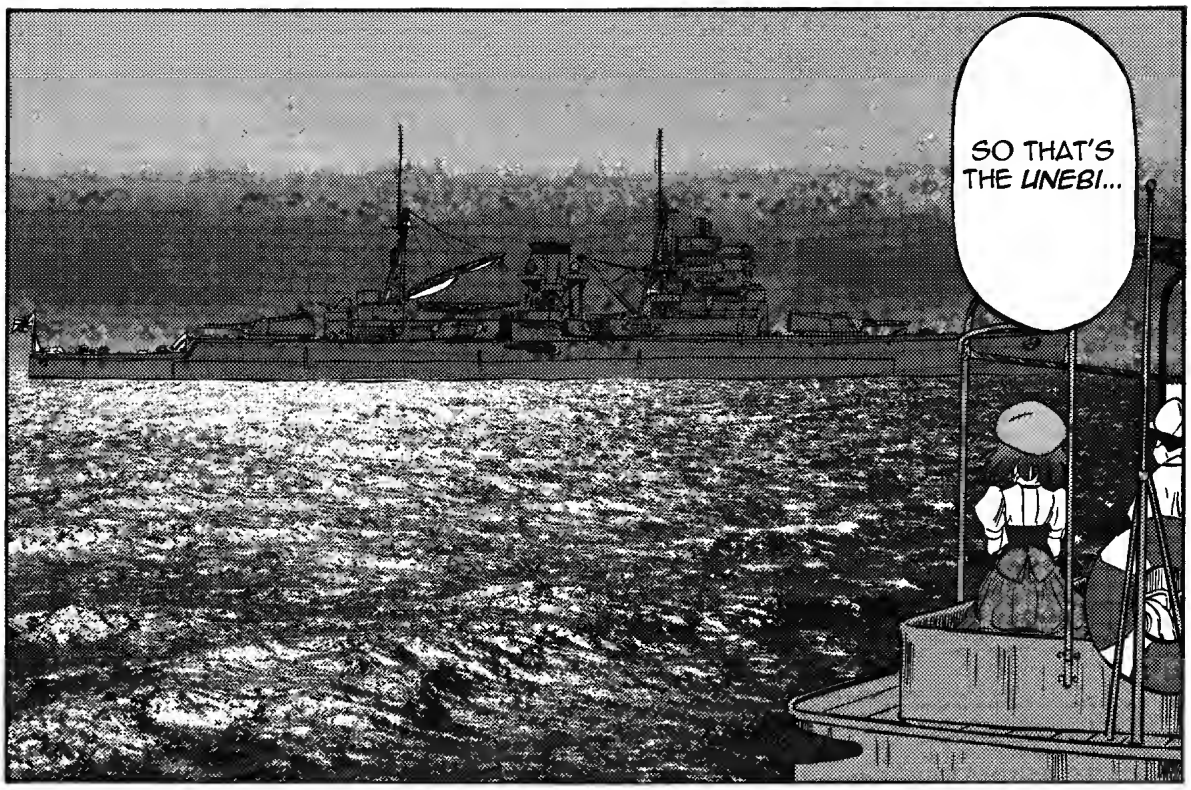
太平洋戦争緒戦、破竹の勢いで進撃した日本軍はイギリス東洋艦隊をシンガポールや英領インド方面から駆逐、アフリカへと後退せしめた。がら空きとなったインド洋へ、日本海軍は商船改造の巡洋艦「畝傍（うねび）」を投入、連合軍の海上輸送路の破壊を目論（もくろ）む。インド洋上で連合軍船舶を撃沈した「畝傍」だったが、その船に多数の乗員が乗っていたことから、急遽針路を変更、昭南（シンガポール）へ向かうこととなった。







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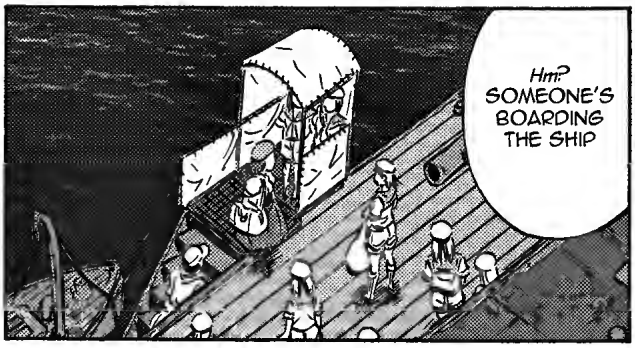
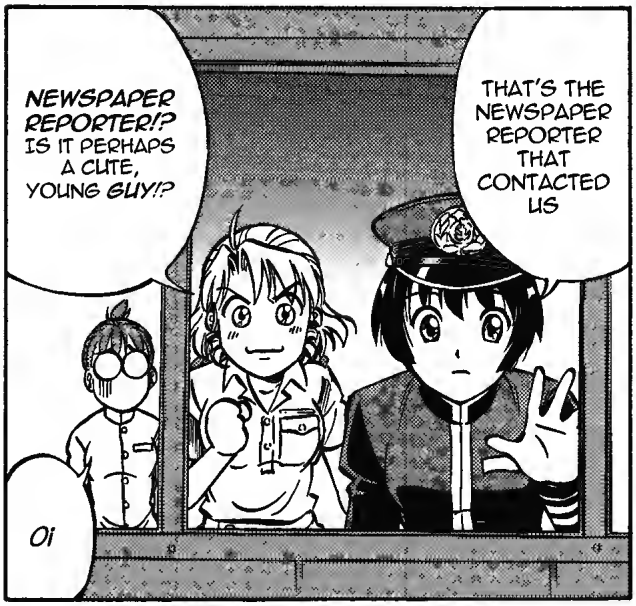
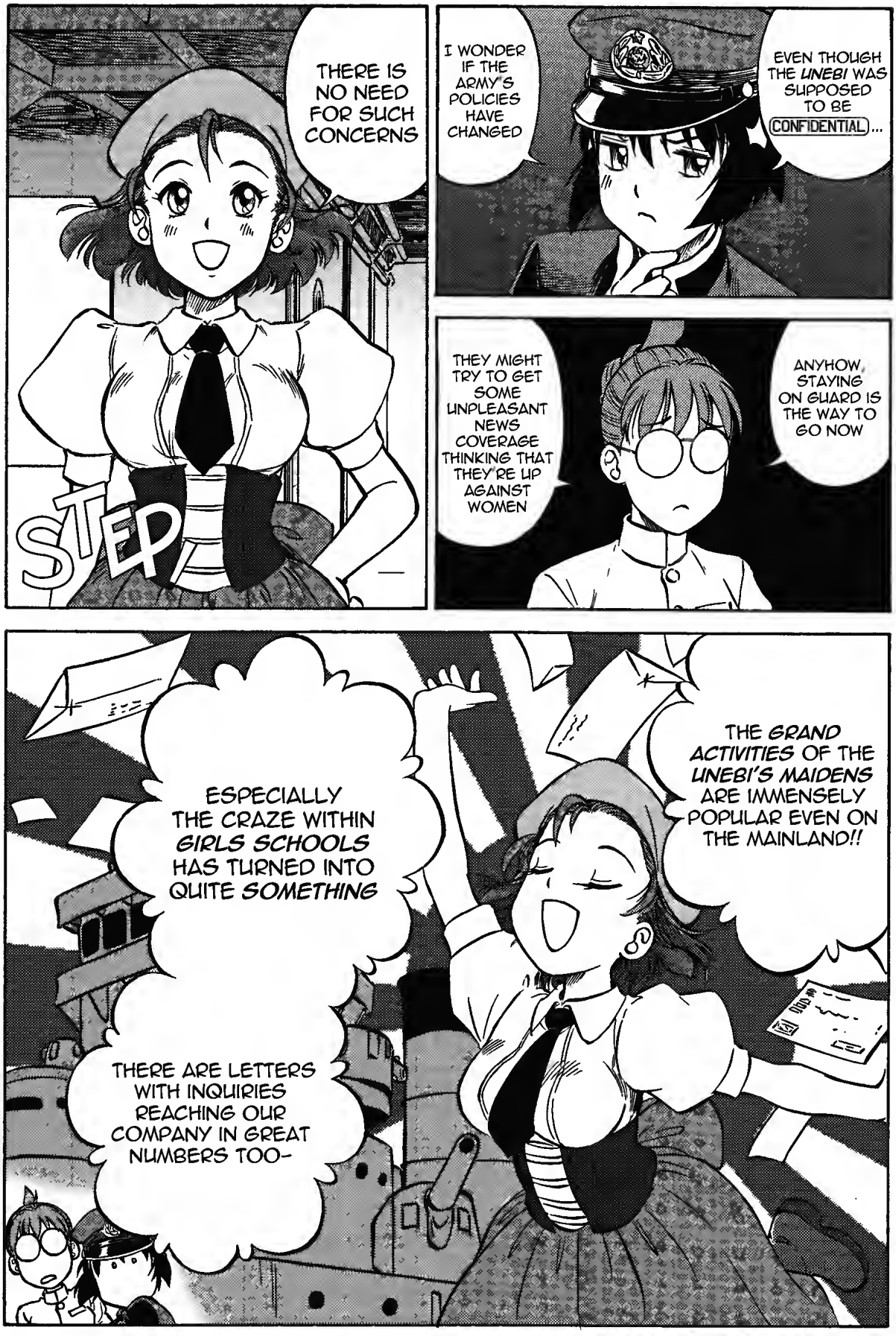

Hm? SOMEONE'S BOARDING THE SHIP


NEWSPAPER REPORTER!? IS IT PERHAPS A CUTE, YOUNG GUY!?
THAT'S THE NEWSPAPER REPORTER THAT CONTACTED US
Oi

Kuh~ I WANTED TO DISEMBARK TOO~
Shit~ Damn that Murakami~
MY MY, IT'S NOT LIKE THOSE GIRLS WENT THERE JUST TO HAVE FUN
Probably~


THERE IS NO NEED FOR SUCH CONCERNS
STEP
I WONDER IF THE ARMY'S POLICIES HAVE CHANGED
EVEN THOUGH THE UNEBI WAS SUPPOSED TO BE CONFIDENTIAL...
THEY MIGHT TRY TO GET SOME UNPLEASANT NEWS COVERAGE THINKING THAT THEY'RE UP AGAINST WOMEN
ANYHOW, STAYING ON GUARD IS THE WAY TO GO NOW
ESPECIALLY THE CRAZE WITHIN GIRLS SCHOOLS HAS TURNED INTO QUITE SOMETHING
THE GRAND ACTIVITIES OF THE UNEBI'S MAIDENS ARE IMMENSELY POPULAR EVEN ON THE MAINLAND!!
THERE ARE LETTERS WITH INQUIRIES REACHING OUR COMPANY IN GREAT NUMBERS TOO-

登場人物紹介 その1

九鬼副長

通商破壊艦「畝傍」副長。性格はまじめ。乗組員からはクッキーの愛称で親しまれる。間宮らから性別を超えた愛を寄せられている。

別当艦長

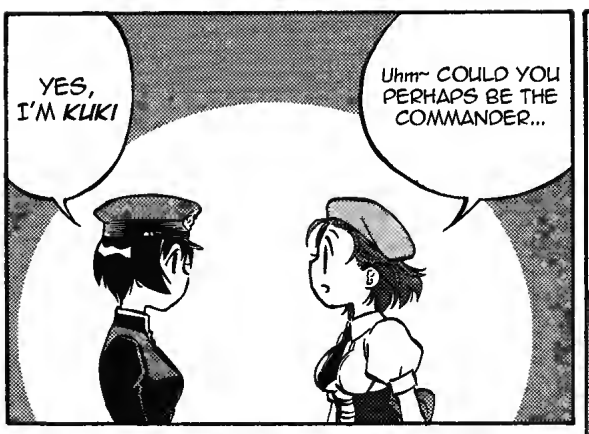
いつも艦橋で茶をすすり、朝は乾布摩擦を欠かさない。盆栽を愛でる好々爺だが、日本海海戦も経験した古強者。

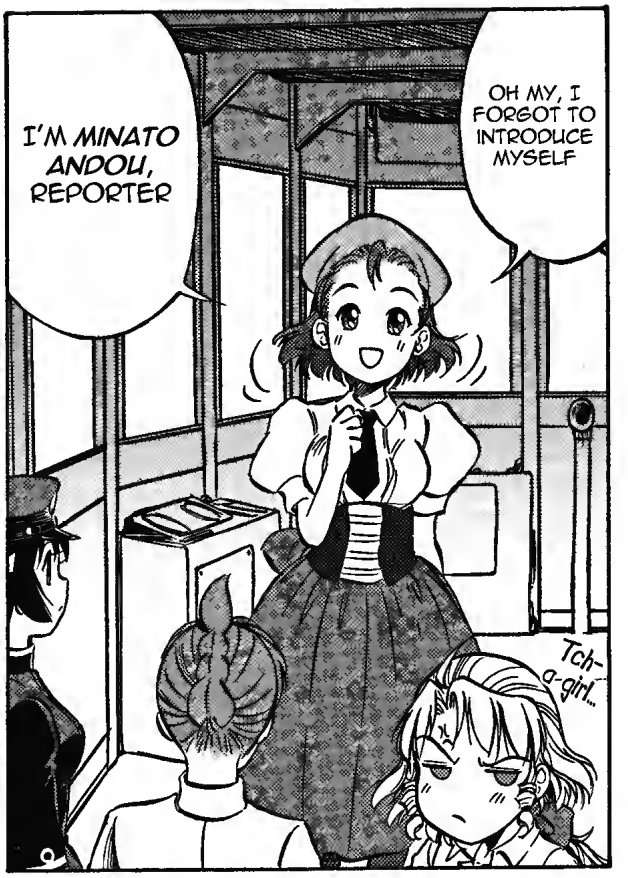
小浜砲雷長

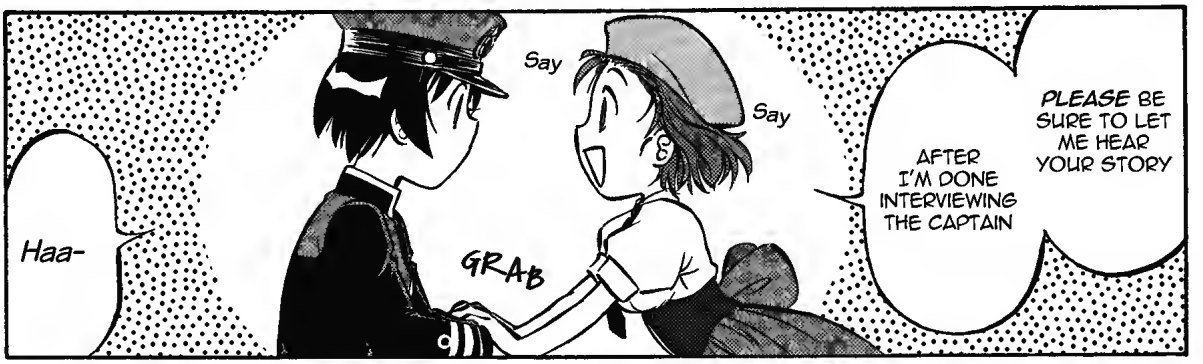
グラマーなお姉さん。戦場にあっても女性らしい華やかさを失わないが、いざ戦闘となるととても頼りになるらしい。

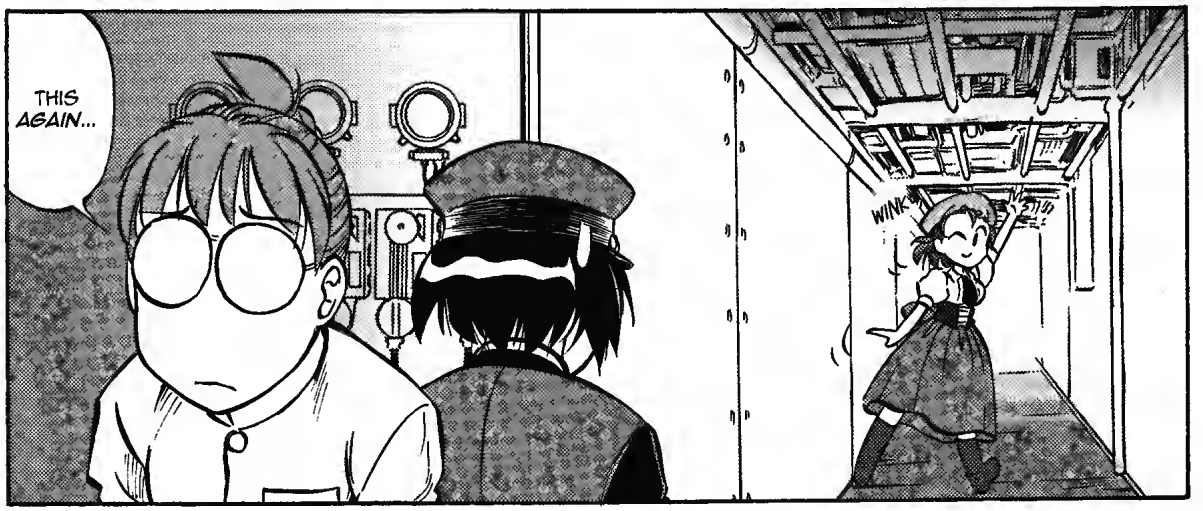
千賀航海長

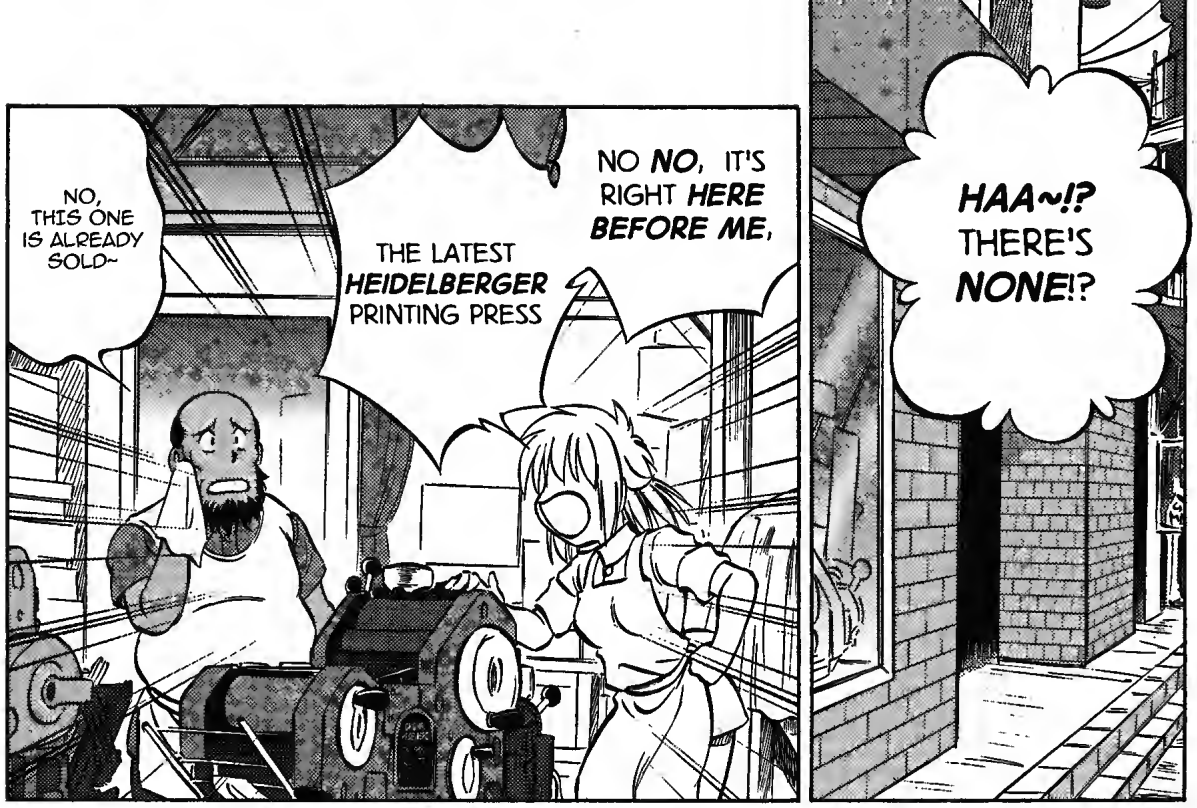
普段は無口で淡々と仕事をこなすお姉さんだが、鋭いツッコミを決めることも。操艦の腕と航海術はピカ一。メガネを取ると超モード発動。

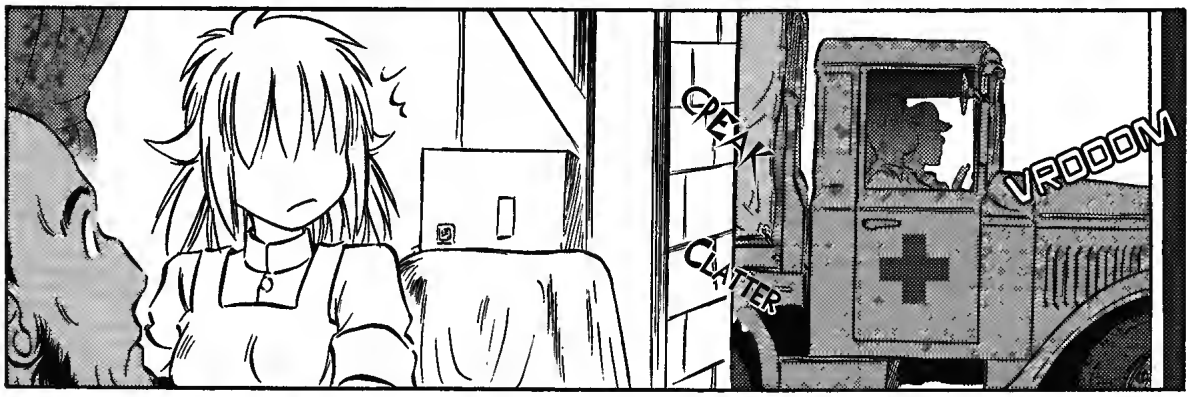


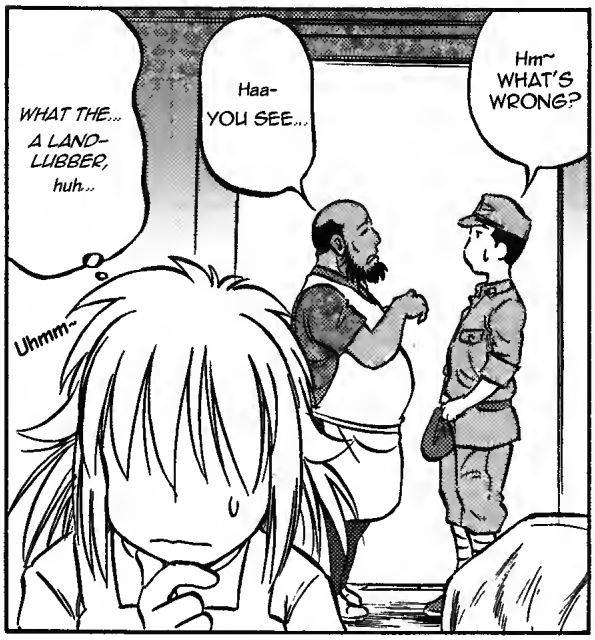












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間宮内務長

九鬼に激ラブ。だが九鬼には全く想いが伝わらず、妄想を抱いて悶々としている。居合いの達人だぞ。

村上主計長

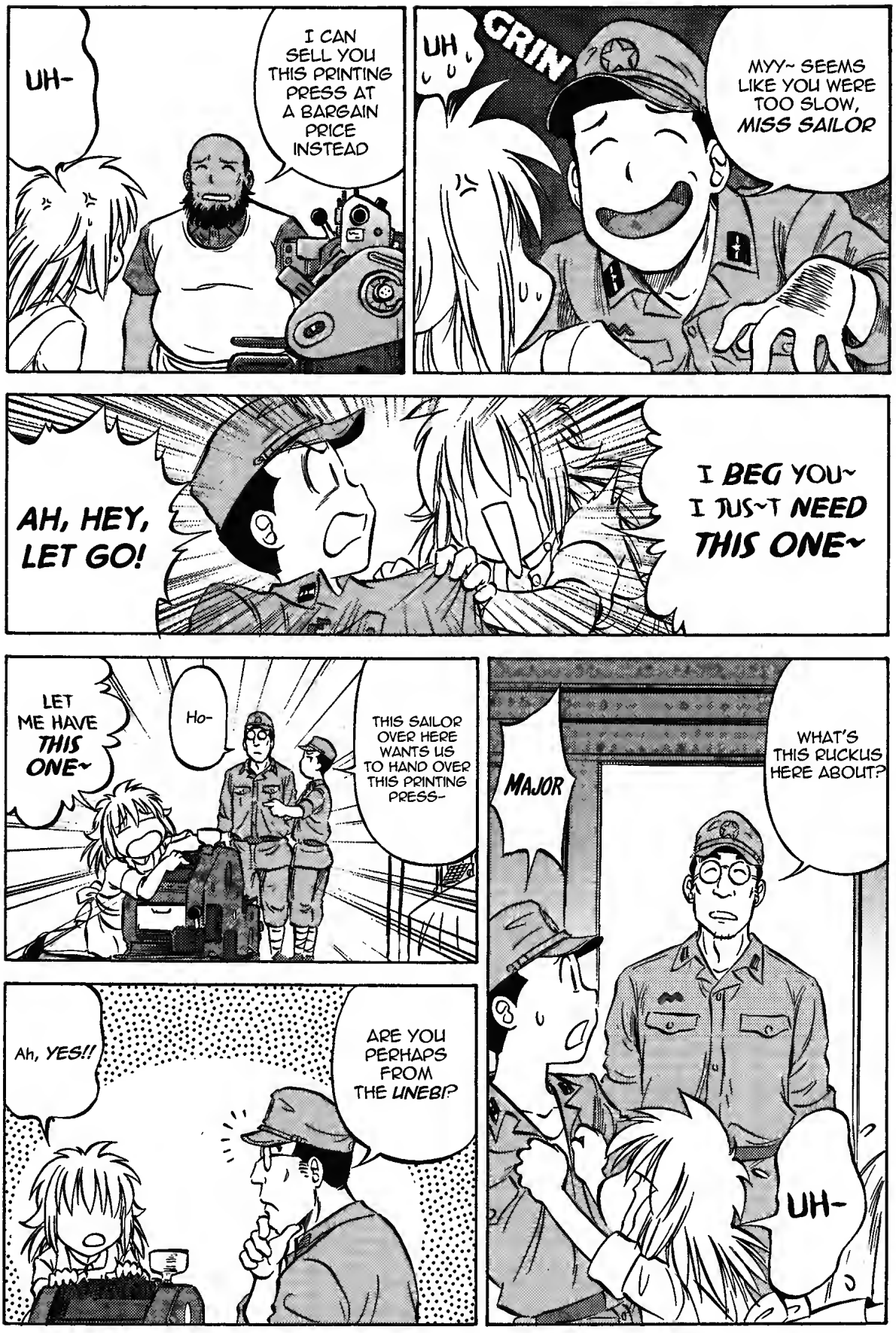
「畝傍」の補給を司る主計科の長にして、艦内の売店を管轄する酒保長。艦内新聞「うねびの友」も刊行している。

櫛来通信長

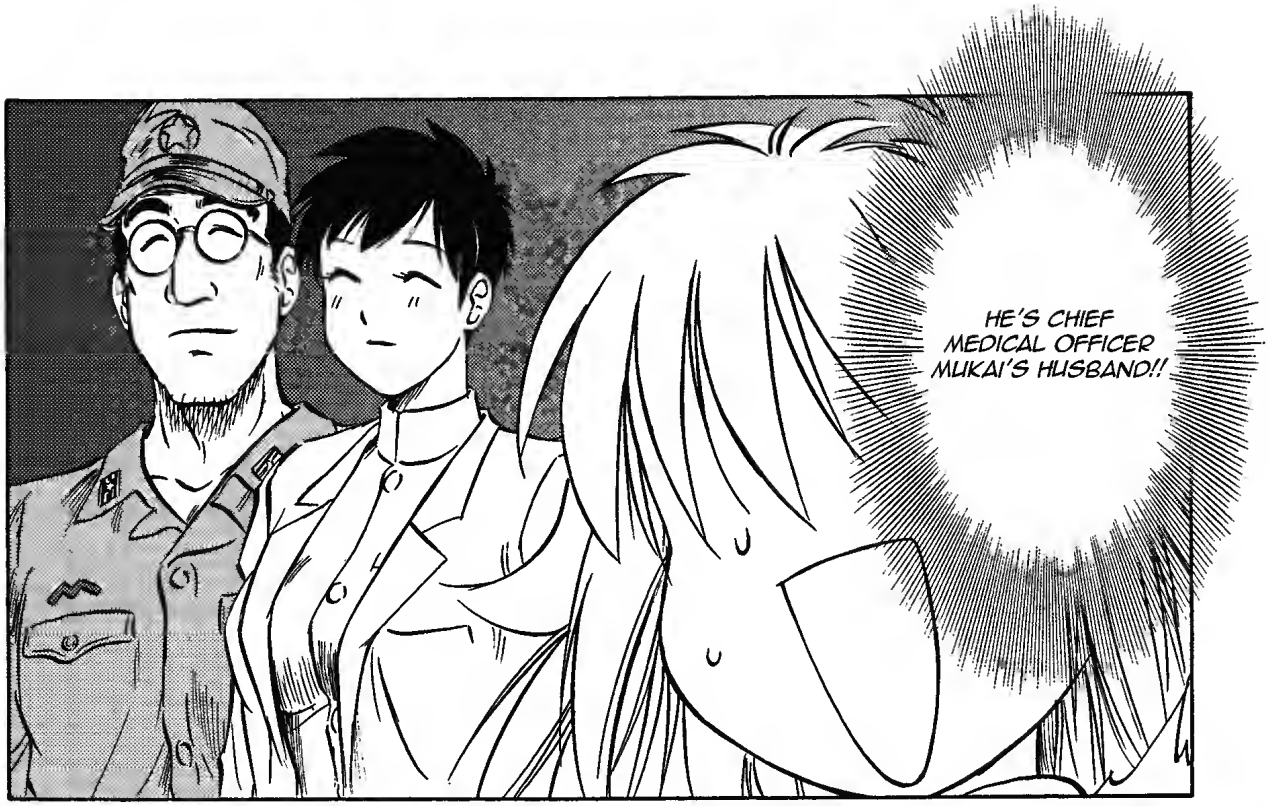
「畝傍」電信室に引きこもり、敵の電信を傍受して輸送船の場所を探ったりしている通信長。極度の口下手というか、コミュ障（？）

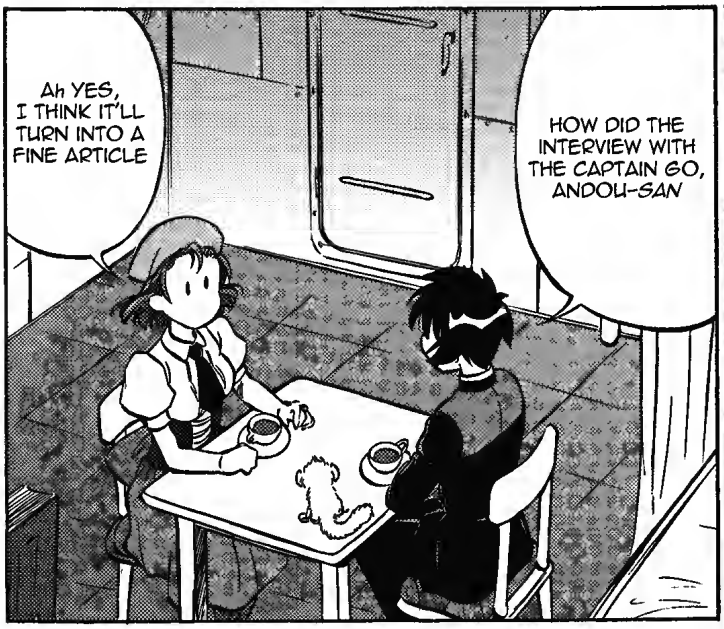
向井軍医長

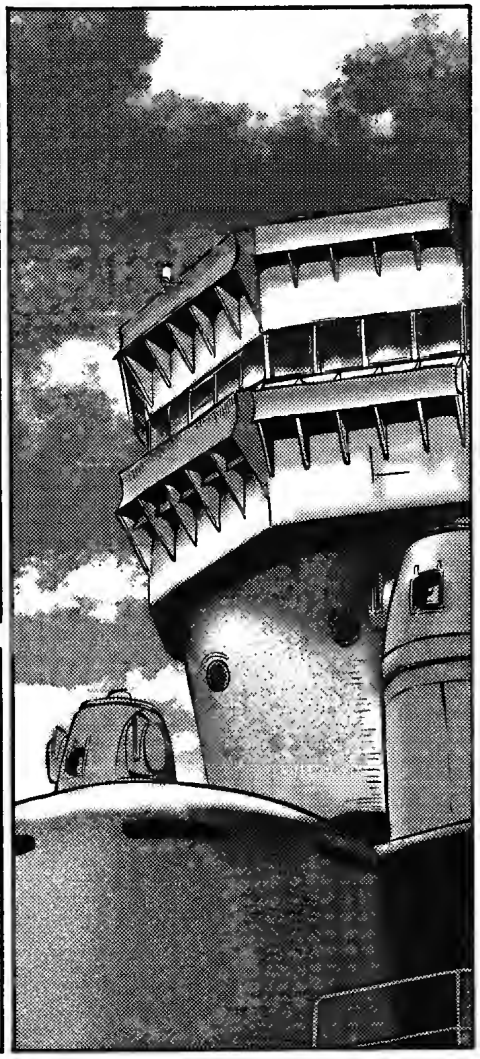
「畝傍」の軍医長にして、櫛来通信長の実姉（既婚で名字が変わっている）。小浜砲雷長、小阜川機関長、村上主計長らと何事かたくらんでいる。


UH-
I CAN SELL YOU THIS PRINTING PRESS AT A BARGAIN PRICE INSTEAD
UH
GRIN
MYY~ SEEMS LIKE YOU WERE TOO SLOW, MISS SAILOR
AH, HEY, LET GO!
I BEG YOU~ I JUS~T NEED THIS ONE~
LET ME HAVE THIS ONE~
Ho-
THIS SAILOR OVER HERE WANTS US TO HAND OVER THIS PRINTING PRESS-
MAJOR
WHAT'S THIS RUCKUS HERE ABOUT?
UH-
Ah, YES!!
ARE YOU PERHAPS FROM THE UNEBI?

WELL, WE'LL BE FINE WITH THIS OLDER ONE
BUT MAJOR!?
...I SEE
YOU CAN HAVE THAT PRESS
O- OF COURSE
I'LL HAVE YOU PROPERLY PAY THE PRICE, JUST SO YOU KNOW!
huh!
GIVE MY REGARDS TO MY WIFE
OGLE
Ah... Uhm, YOUR NAME IS?
IT'S MUKAI
MOREOVER, WE'LL TAKE IT TO THE HARBOUR FOR YOU
EH?
THANK YOU VERY MUCH-


HE'S CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER MUKAI'S HUSBAND!!

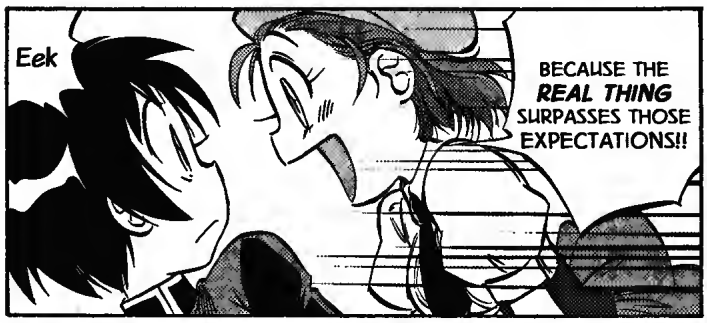

HOW DID THE INTERVIEW WITH THE CAPTAIN GO, ANDOU-SAN
Ah YES, I THINK IT'LL TURN INTO A FINE ARTICLE

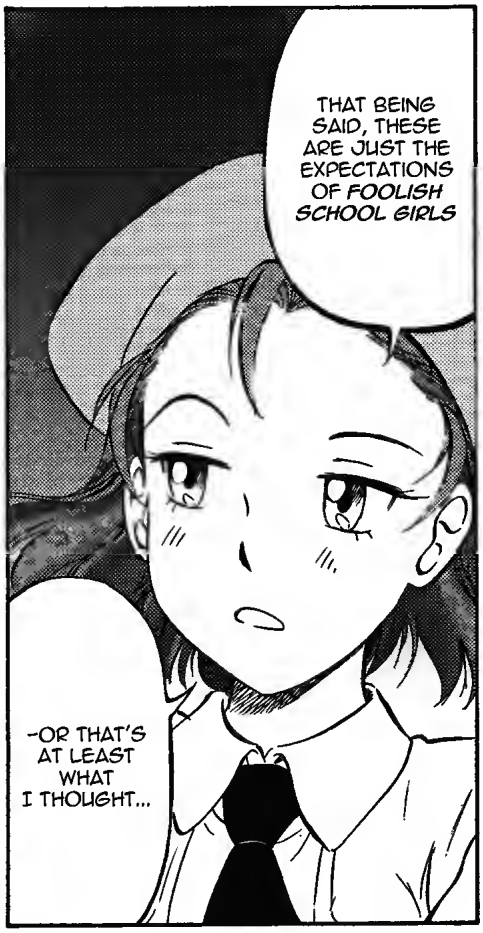


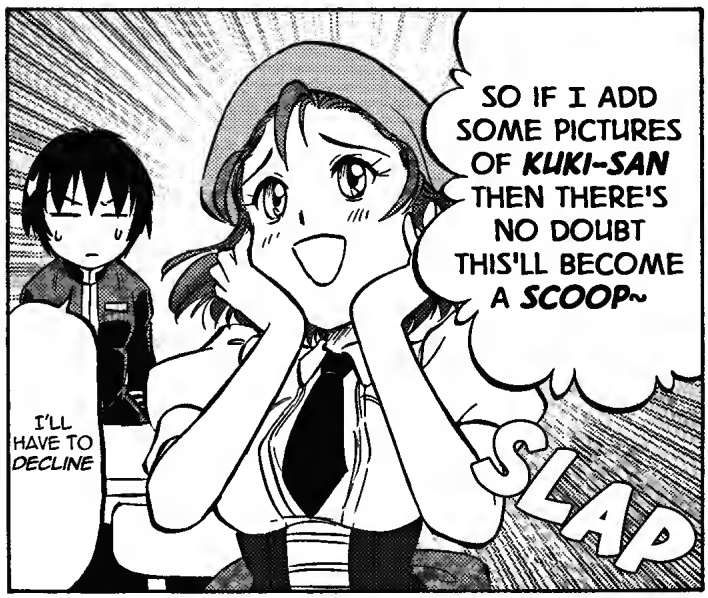
AS FOR KUKI-SAN, HOW DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE CAPTAIN?

THE ADMIRALS IN ACTIVE DUTY SEEM TO ALSO ADORE HIM.
CAPTAIN BETTOU IS A MYSTERIOUS PERSON, RIGHT?
AND THE CURRENT NEWS COVERAGE TOO BECAME ONLY POSSIBLE THANKS TO THE CAPTAIN'S RECOMMENDATION
I FEEL AT EASE JUST WITH HIM BEING ON THE BRIDGE AT ANY TIME, SO HE'S TRULY SOMEONE I DEEPLY RESPECT
YES, WHAT IS IT?
THAT BEING SAID, KUKI-SAN, I HAVE A FAVOUR TO ASK YOU...
Ha?
. . . . . .
Haa?
LIKE I MENTIONED BEFORE, YOU'RE INCREDIBLY POPULAR AMONGST SCHOOL GIRLS
I'm a photographer too
PLEASE LET ME TAKE SOME PICTURES
CHK

THE PHANTOM WARSHIP 'UNEBI', A SINGLE VESSEL TOYING WITH THE FORMIDABLE AMERICAN-BRITISH FORCES
AND AS THE LEADER OF THAT GROUP STANDS A BEAUTY WHO POSSESSES BOTH WISDOM AND COURAGE, COMMANDER KUKI
Who's that?


Eek
BECAUSE THE REAL THING SURPASSES THOSE EXPECTATIONS!!

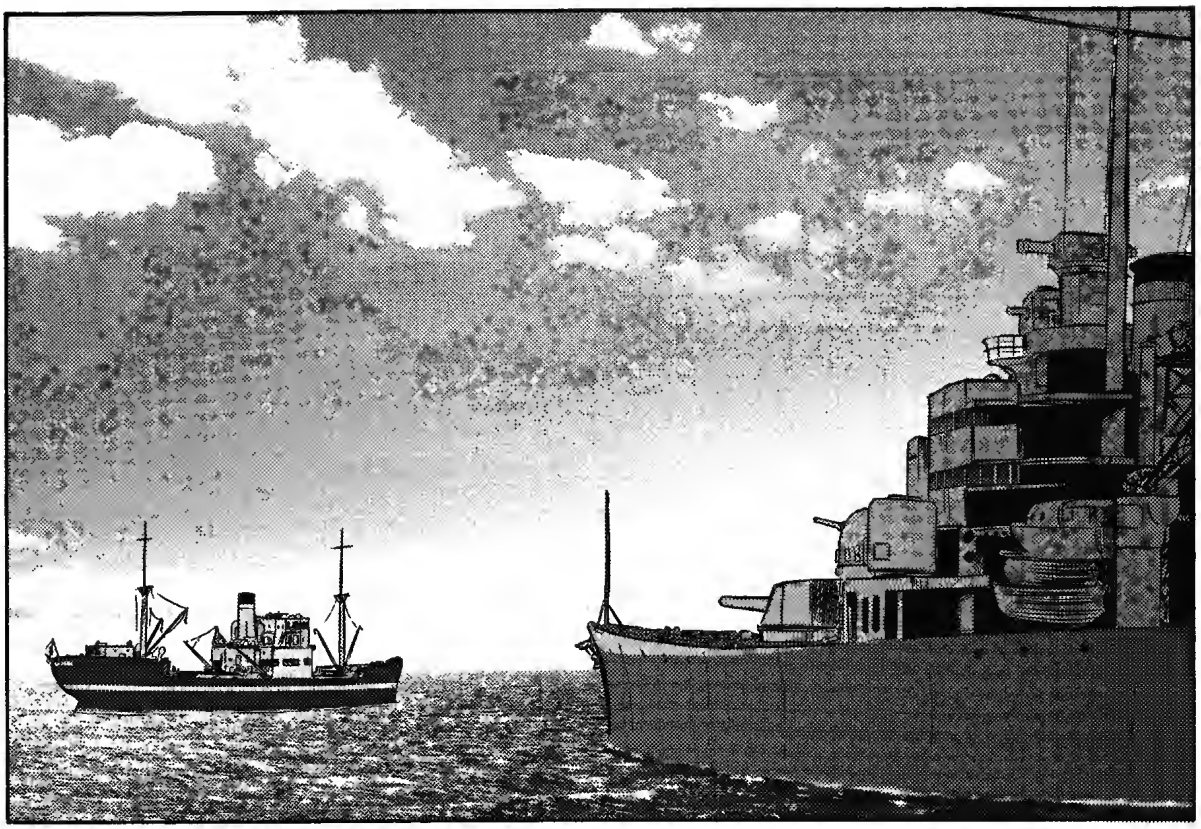

THAT BEING SAID, THESE ARE JUST THE EXPECTATIONS OF FOOLISH SCHOOL GIRLS
-OR THAT'S AT LEAST WHAT I THOUGHT...

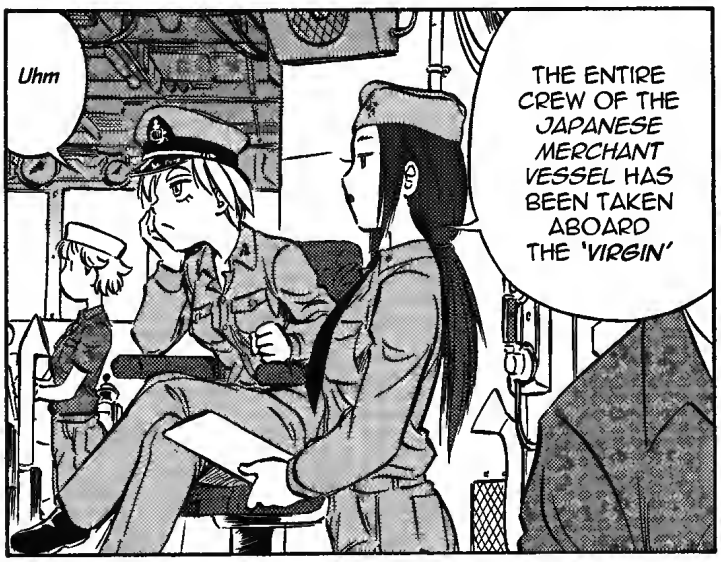

SO IF I ADD SOME PICTURES OF KUKI-SAN THEN THERE'S NO DOUBT THIS'LL BECOME A SCOOP~
I'LL HAVE TO DECLINE
SLAP

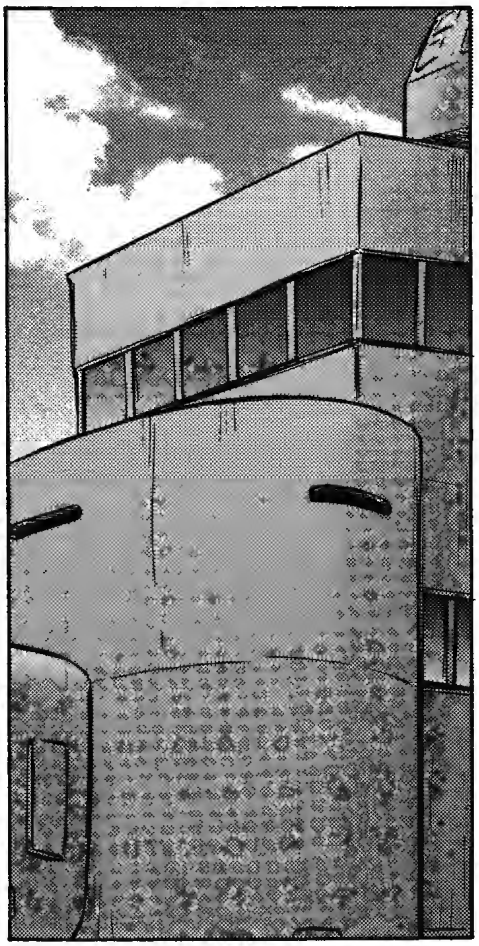
CLATTER
CLATTER
CLATTER
EXCUSE ME
MAMIYA!?
WELL, BRING OUT THE CLOTHES
CLAP
COMMANDER
WELL THEN, LET US BEGIN
WAIT, STOP IT MAMIYA!!
tug
AKP
gloom
Hauu
I'M SORRY COMMANDER...
THESE ARE CAPTAIN'S ORDERS

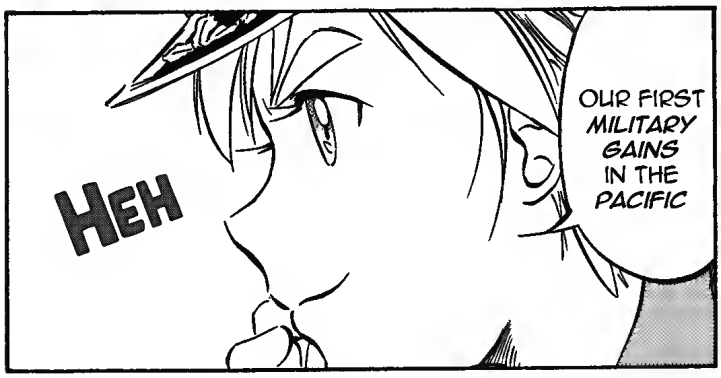
SNAP
SNAP

About the promised copies...
SNAP
LEA-VE IT TO ME




Uhm
THE ENTIRE CREW OF THE JAPANESE MERCHANT VESSEL HAS BEEN TAKEN ABOARD THE 'VIRGIN'




HEH
OUR FIRST MILITARY GAINS IN THE PACIFIC

BOOM
FIRE!
KABOOM
I DOUBT THAT THERE'S ANY BIG *INTEL* AS THIS WAS A *CIVILIAN VESSEL*, BUT WE SEIZED ALL THE DIARIES AND DOCUMENTS
THUD
BATHUMP
BATHUMP
Hm!?
TWITCH

Captain Avery of the US cruiser "Virgin" is shocked at seeing the article about Commander Kuki.

Could this girl perhaps have a history with Cookie...?

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